be utilised for this work. Hence the demand for the transfer of the amount from the P. W. D. to the Forest budget.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House sanctions the supplementary demand?

The grant was made.

Demand IX—Administration of Justice.

Mr. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 72 under Demand IX—Administration of Justice. This has been necessitated by the appointment of an additional peon, as the Pleadership class has been separated from the B. L. and F. L. classes. The amount is proposed to be diverted from the head of contingencies allotted to the Law College, and therefore no separate provision by the Council is necessary. The proposal is to divert, from the sanctioned allotment under contingencies, Rs. 72 for the appointment of a peon for 8 months, *i. e.*, from the 1st Vrischikam, 1099, up to the end of the year.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions the demand.

The grant was made.

Demand XII—Education.

Mr. L. C. HODGSON (*Director of Public Instruction*): I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 163 under Demand XII—Education, for the appointment of a clerk on Rs. 25 per mensem in the office of the Inspector of English Schools temporarily for six and a half months from the 15th Tulam, 1099. As I said before in this Council, the work of the Inspector of English Schools and of his office is very great indeed and has increased very largely in recent years, keeping pace with the very large demand for English education that we are all of us acquainted with now. In addition to the general increase of work in the office of the Inspector of English Schools, there is now a large volume of work newly thrown upon that office by the fee concessions that were granted to the depressed and the backward classes. There are now as many as 155 private schools which, according to the Government Order, have to be re-imbursed to a certain extent for the fees that may be lost owing to these concessions; and it is very necessary that the fee income of, and the grants to, these schools should be very carefully checked before the amount is actually paid to them. It will be necessary to maintain additional registers to check the returns received both monthly and quarterly from the schools and it is impossible to do that with the existing staff. I may be permitted to say that I myself asked for two clerks, one on account of the increase of work in the general staff and another for this special work. But the inexorable shears of the Finance Committee or the Government lopped off one of these and have reduced the other to the condition of a temporary clerk. So that, when I ask you now to sanction the appointment of one temporary clerk on Rs. 25 per mensem, for six and a half months, I am asking for something

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less than what I really want. I trust the Council will be pleased to sanction the demand.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the Council sanctions the demand?

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIV—INDUSTRIES.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,400 under Demand XIV—Industries. This demand consists of two items. A sum of Rs. 200 is for the appointment of a Drawing Master on Rs. 25-5/2-40 in the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute, Nagercoil. The syllabus of that school has recently been revised and this appointment has become necessary. This Drawing Master will also be in charge of the warping and sizing machine which has been bought for that institution. The other item refers to the rent of the building in which the Government School of Commerce is held at Alleppey. At the time the budget for 1099 was framed, it was thought that the school could be transferred to a Government building in the old Jail at Alleppey. But subsequently the Chief Engineer reported that the Jail building would not be fit for holding the Commercial School until after some repairs were made and that these repairs would take some time. So, the rent for the private building in which the school is held will have to be paid this year also.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know the time that may be required for making the repairs that the Chief Engineer proposes?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): He says he wants one year.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the Council sanctions the demand.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XX—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 5,740 under Demand XXX—P. W. D. This is on account of the proposed transfer of the work of conversion of lands in the Paddy Farm, Tiruppatisaram, Nagercoil, from the Agricultural to the Public Works Department, the amount required for the purpose being met by diversion from Demand XIII—Agriculture and Fisheries to Demand XX—P. W. D.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the Council sanctions this demand also.

The grant was made.

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